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Marietta Police Department Arrests 35 in weekend Zero Tolerance operation

Easter weekend signals the beginning of the Spring Break season as well as the beginning of warm weather weekends when communities typically see increases in disorderly parties and alcohol-related accidents and injuries. In order to prevent those kinds of public safety problems for this season in a proactive way, on April 2-3, 2010, the Marietta Police Department unveiled Operation Zero Tolerance.

Focusing in areas typically beset with Spring Break/Summer- weekend kinds of problems, on Friday and Saturday nights officers of the Department's SWAT, STEP and Crime Interdiction Unit fanned out and applied a series of stop-and-frisk style police techniques. As a result, over the two-night period officers arrested 35 individuals for charges including Possession of Cocaine (with intent to distribute), Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, underage drinking, disorderly conduct, obstruction, and DUI. In addition, the officers issued 151 traffic citations.

Throughout the entire weekend of Operation Zero Tolerance there were no fatal accidents, no serious-injury accidents and violent crime was nearly non-existent in Marietta.

Questions about Operation Zero Tolerance should be directed to either Commander Mike Hathaway or Lieutenant Scott Clayton at 770-794-5333.

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